

## DRAFT GUIDANCE FROM BDCP STEERING COMMITTEE TO SAIC RE NEXT STEPS ON DEVELOPMENT OF CONSERVATION STRATEGY OPTIONS

The BDCP Steering Committee requests that SAIC continue to work with the Conservation Strategy Workgroup to further define, analyze and compare the four Conservation Strategy Options described in the document “Descriptions of Potential BDCP Conservation Strategy Options.” In particular, additional work is needed on operational aspects of each of the options, as well as elements addressing other key stressors, such as passage, upstream habitat needs, food chain disruption by non-natives species, predation, and harvest and poaching.

The Steering Committee requests that SAIC begin working immediately with the Conservation Strategy Workgroup to discuss and develop descriptions of the operational aspects of each of the Conservation Strategy Options. While it would be difficult and premature to develop detailed operational descriptions for each strategy option, key operational parameters can and should be developed as part of the dovetailing of the Conservation Strategy Options with the Covered Activities. This would allow the SAIC to consider potential system responses to different operational alignments, including affect on such key factors as food production, turbidity, residence time, fluctuating salinity, toxics, temperature, dissolved oxygen, entrainment, and predation.

In addition, the Steering Committee requests that SAIC work with the Conservation Strategy Workgroup to develop descriptions of opportunities to address the other key stressors as appropriate for each of the Conservation Strategy Options.